

CLAIMS

1. A method of manufacturing a plastics molded part with a soft-feel surface, the method comprising the steps of preparing a sheet of soft material of a desired shape and form, preparing a mold tool to mold the part in such a way that a rib on the molded part extends generally parallel to the surface which will be covered by the foamed material, placing the soft material in the mold rib, injecting molten plastics into the mold tool to fill the tool and to compress the soft material, allowing the mold tool and its contents to cool and removing the molded part from the tool to allow the soft material to expand.

2. A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the soft material includes a foam material.

3. A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the soft material is a laminate with a layer of foam between two flexible webs.

4. A method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the sheet of soft material is vacuum formed before being placed in the mold tool.

5. A mold tool for manufacturing a part which has one surface portion having a soft-feel surface and another surface portion having a hard surface, wherein the tool half which will form the outer surface of the part has, in the region where the soft-feel surface is to meet the hard surface, a cavity region extending

substantially parallel to and outboard of the adjacent tool wall such that a molded part formed in the tool will have a rib which extends along the region where the soft-feel surface meets the hard surface, and extends in a plane which runs generally parallel to the adjacent surface of the molded part.

6. A mold tool as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the rib of a molded part formed in the tool will be substantially coplanar with the hard surface.

7. A plastics molded part with a soft-feel surface, the soft surface ending in a recess extending around and close to the edge of the molded part.